# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA PITTSBURGH DIVISION

GUY MICCICHE,	)
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Plaintiff,	)
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V.	) No
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NAVIENT SOLUTIONS, INC.	)
	)
Defendants.	)

# **PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff, GUY MICCICHE, ("Plaintiff") files this lawsuit for damages, and other legal and equitable remedies, resulting from the illegal actions of NAVIENT SOLUTIONS, INC. ("Defendant"), in negligently, knowingly, and/or willfully contacting Plaintiff on Plaintiff's cellular telephone in violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq. ("TCPA").

## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 1. Jurisdiction in this Court is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 as Plaintiff's claims arise under the laws of the United States.
- 2. This Court has federal question jurisdiction because this case arises out of violations of federal law. 47 U.S.C. §227(b); *Mims v. Arrow Fin. Servs.*, *LLC*, 132 S. Ct. 740 (2012).
- 3. Defendant conducts business in Oakdale, County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania.
- 4. Venue and personal jurisdiction in this District are proper because Defendant transacts business in this District, and a material portion of the events at issue occurred in this District.

#### **PARTIES**

- 5. Plaintiff, is a resident of Oakdale, County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania
- 6. In April 2014, Sallie Mae Bank spun off its loan servicing division and created Navient Solutions, Inc.
- 7. Navient is a publicly traded U.S. corporation based in Wilmington, Delaware.
- 8. Navient services and collects on student loans.
- Navient manages approximately \$300 billion in student loans for over 12 million consumers.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 10. All of the telephone calls Defendant made to Plaintiff were an attempt to collect on student loans.
- 11. None of the calls Defendant made to Plaintiff were for an emergency purpose.
- 12. In or around November 2015, Defendant began calling Plaintiff's cellular telephone xxx-xxx-0405.
- 13. Each time Plaintiff answered a call from Defendant, there was an automated message and then Plaintiff was connected to a live person.
- 14. In or around November 2015, Plaintiff sent a letter to Defendant stating that he did not owe the alleged debt.
- 15. Plaintiff requested a hearing in his letter and also included his name, address, and phone number so that his information could easily be located by Defendant.
- 16. In or around December 2015, Plaintiff answered a call from Defendant, Defendant confirmed it received Plaintiff's letter, and Plaintiff told Defendant to stop calling.
- 17. Despite Plaintiff's request that Defendant stop calling Plaintiff's cellular telephone,

- Defendant continued to call Plaintiff's cellular telephone.
- 18. All of the calls Defendant made to Plaintiff's cellular telephone were made with the Noble Systems Dialer.
- 19. Prior to calling Plaintiff's cellular telephone, Defendant knew the number was a cellular telephone number.
- 20. All of the calls Defendants made to Plaintiff's cellular telephone resulted in Plaintiff incurring a charge for incoming calls.
- 21. During at least one conversation, Defendant learned that Plaintiff wanted Defendant to stop calling Plaintiff's cellular telephone.
- 22. Defendant continued to call Plaintiff's cellular telephone after Defendant knew Plaintiff wanted the calls to stop.
- 23. Within 4 years of Plaintiff filing this Complaint, Defendant used an automatic telephone dialing system to call Plaintiff's cellular telephone
- 24. Within 4 years of Plaintiff filing this Complaint, Defendant called Plaintiff's cellular telephone in predictive mode.
- 25. Within 4 years of Plaintiff filing this Complaint, Defendant left pre-recorded voicemail messages for Plaintiff on Plaintiff's cellular telephone.
- 26. Within 4 years of Plaintiff filing this Complaint, Defendant left voicemail messages from live operators for Plaintiff on Plaintiff's cellular telephone
- 27. The telephone dialer system Defendant used to call Plaintiff's cellular telephone has the capacity to store telephone numbers.
- 28. The telephone dialer system Defendant used to call Plaintiff's cellular telephone has the capacity to call stored telephone numbers automatically.

- 29. The telephone dialer system Defendant used to call Plaintiff's cellular telephone has the capacity to call stored telephone numbers without human intervention.
- 30. The telephone dialer system Defendant used to call Plaintiff's cellular telephone has the capacity to call telephone numbers in sequential order.
- 31. The telephone dialer system Defendant used to call Plaintiff's cellular telephone has the capacity to call telephone numbers randomly.
- 32. The telephone dialer system Defendant used to call Plaintiff's cellular telephone selects telephone numbers to be called according to a protocol or strategy entered by Defendant.
- 33. The telephone dialer system Defendant used to call Plaintiff's cellular telephone simultaneously calls multiple consumers.
- 34. While Defendant called Plaintiff's cellular telephone, Plaintiff's cellular telephone line was unavailable for legitimate use during the unwanted calls.

# DEFENDANTS VIOLATED THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

- 35. Defendant's conduct violated the TCPA by:
  - a. Placing non-emergency telephone calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone using an automatic telephone dialing system and/or pre-recorded or artificial voice in violation of 47 U.S.C. § 227 (b)(1)(A)(iii).

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, GUY MICCICHE, respectfully requests judgment be entered against Defendant, NAVIENT SOLUTIONS, INC. for the following:

36. As a result of Defendant's negligent violations of 47 U.S.C. 227(b)(1), Plaintiff is entitled to and requests \$500.00 in statutory damages, for each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 227(b)(3)(B).

- 37. As a result of Defendant's willful and/or knowing violations of 47 U.S.C. 227(b)(1), Plaintiff is entitled to and requests treble damages, as provided by statute, up to \$1,500.00, for each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 227(b)(3)(B) and 47 U.S.C. 227(b)(3)(C).
- 38. Plaintiff is entitled to and seeks injunctive relief prohibiting such conduct in the future.
- 39. Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

## RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

July 5, 2016 By:\_/s/ Michael Alan Siddons\_

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